

October 7, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
Virginia Cellular LLC Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the
State of Virginia, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 (b) of the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, enclosed please find a written *ex parte* presentation for submission as part of the record in the above-referenced proceeding. The enclosed presentation is the written statement of John C. Metts, President of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) filed with the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service in Denver, Colorado on July 31, 2003. The testimony discusses NTCA's proposed 7-Point Public Interest Test for designating eligible telecommunications carriers in rural ILEC service areas. This testimony is submitted to assist the Commission in its public interest determination in this case involving rural telephone company service areas. A list of NTCA's seven points is also enclosed.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Mitchell at 703-351-2016.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel Mitchell
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/s/ Jill Canfield
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Attachments